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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/534,160

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FOR: 2'-O-TRISUBSTITUTED SILYLOXYMETHYL-RIBONUCLEOSIDE-  
DERIVATIVE AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

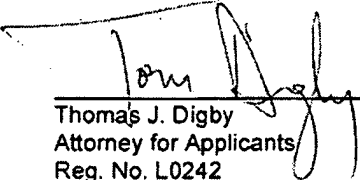
The Office Action of January 11, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 11, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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